THE

ASSISE OF BREAD,

Newly corrected and enlarged, according to the raising & falling of the price of wheate in the market, togither with sundrie good and needfull orders commanded to be kept in making of all kindes of bread, that are appointed to be sold in all places whatsoeuer:

Whereunto are added, sundrie other good ordinances for Bakers, Brewers, Inholders, Victuallers, Butchers, and Victuallers. And also other Assises in weightes and measure, to bee obserued and kept.

Agreeing with the auncient Statutes of this Realme, tending greatly to the generall common Wealth of the same.

Seene allowed, and commaunded to bee kept, by the right Honourable the Lords, and others of the Queenes Maiesties priuie Counsaile.

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TO THE READER.

THe meanes haue been verie manifolde in all ages (moſte louing Reader) which Aucthorie by reaſon hath eſtabliſhed in the variable, yet orderlie gouernments of States and people for the holdinge them in that moſt louyng and memberlike duetie which one part oweth vnto others, & euerie of them to the conſeruation of the whole bodie in beſt eſtate. Among which, this hath had his ſpecial place: that in the common and ſtill continuing, commerce and interchangeable traffique, paſſing between man & man, Countrie and Countrie, each hath beene limited to others reaſonable liking, by a due obſeruation of ſuch aſſiſe in the matter of true weight and meaſure, as by generall conſent hath been commended to perticuler practiſe. Now albeit, that reaſon it ſelfe may in this behalfe, ſeem a ſufficient ſchoole miſtreſſe to euerie man not degenerate. Yet when for the needfull vſe of this equitie, the Aucthor both of reaſon and holie religion, ſhall commend and command it to be carefullie kept of all ſuch as profeſſe themſelues to be his people (and that vnder the penaltie of moſt fearefull execra-

tions, to the violaters of the same) how ought euerie Christian to bee carried with a conscience of duetie herein: vpon which no doubt, the most lawfull and wholsome constitutions of this my natiue country of England were first founded, & stil do stand built. And therfore presenteth vnto euerie true natural and loyal subiect of the same (euen as he oweth obedience to his most dread souereigne, not so much for feare as conscience sake) a plaine path truly tending to this kinde of iustice, which many alwaies seeking to themselues, doth sildome practise towards others; for the auoyding of whose common, though oftentimes most vntrue excuse herein (in alledging their ignorance of the lawes, to be the lack of their lawful obedience) I haue drawne togither such Acts, Statutes, and ordinances, as hauing been ordeined and vsed in sundry Kinges Reignes, and now allowed by the Honourable in authoritie: most apt and proper for the warranting of all lawfull Assise both in weight and measure, which are to be vsed at this day, and within this Realme: especially such as concerne the Bakers, Brewers, and Inholders directions. The not obseruing whereof vpon so manifest & plain a publishing, what shal it els but note vnto vs the men of worst marke, whether we respect their conscience towards God, or their verteous conuersation in a Christian common wealth. And if all lawes established by lawfull authoritie (not repugning the lawes of God) are to be imbraced by Christian subiects in a conscionable obedience: by what excuse then do they thinke to winde out from the desert of such disobedience as directly contrarieth both Gods and many lawes at once: of which nature these

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ure, that command the true obseruation of weight and measure betweene man and man. In the booke of Leuiticus thus we read. *You shall not doo vniustly, in iudgement, in line, weight or measure, you shall haue iust Ballances & true Weights.* In the book of Deu. thus. *Thou shalt not haue in thy bag two maner of weights a great and a small, neither shalt thou haue in thy house diuers measures a great and a small but thou shalt haue a right and a iust weight, a perfect and a iust measure shalt thou haue.* Again in the Prouerbs, *False Ballances are an abhomination vnto the Lord, but a perfect weight pleaseth him.* Also in the first Epistle to the Thessalonians, thus it is written: *Let no man defraud his brother in any thing* (as euerie one doeth that vseth false weight or measure,) *for the Lord is a reuenger of such things.* By all which places & many others that might be cited out of sacred scriptures, it appeareth how specially this vprightnes in the vse of weight and measure hath euer bin enioyned by God himselfe, for a continuall practise among his people. And therefore most shameleſse are they before men, and no lesse desperate in dispising the reuenging hand of God: who (besides the penalties prouided by ciuil authoritie for the holding them in awe) dare goe on in so manifest contempt of his so fearfull threats. Leauing therfore these dispisers, to the disposing hand of the Almighty, either in mercy to amend them, or in iustice to condemne them. I commend this litle Pamphlet (shrowded vnder Gods and my Countries lawes, to the reading, and regarding of the common) yet more conscionable sort of subiects in the same. As vnto whose vsuall trades (standing for the most part vpon weight and measure,) the practise thereof most properly apperteineth

Leuit. 19. v. 35.

Deut. 25. v. 13.

Pro. 11. v. 1

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perteineth, and for whose sakes I have satisfied my well meaning, in deliuering them the truth rather homely then handsomely. Like as their following the same, ought to be in a plaine true dealing, and not in a craftie subtill deceiuing, which being the fruit that I hope will ensue my poore paines taking herein (as a well pleasing taste both to God and man) I will onlie content my selfe with expectation of such reward, committing thee (good Reader) to the conduct of that spirite that is only able and alwaies readie to prepare thee for euerie good duetie, and to performe the same in thee, according to thy proper place and calling.

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The Quarter of Wheate.	The Buſhell of Wheate.	The Farthing white Lofe.	The halfe penny white Lofe.
xij. s.	xxiij. d.	viij. ℔.	xvj. ℔.
xij. s. vj. d.	xx. d. ob.	vj. ℔. q.	xiiij. ℔. di.
xv. s.	xxj. d. ob.	vi. ℔. di. ij. d. ob. ob.	xiij. ℔. q. ob.
xvj. s.	ij. s.	vi. ℔. q. i. d.	xij. ℔. di. ij. d.
xvij. s. vj. d.	ij. s. ij. d. ob.	v. ℔. ix. q. ij. d. ob.	xj. ℔. di. iiij. d. ob.
xix. s.	ij. s. iiij. d. ob.	v. ℔. di.	xj. ℔.
xx. s.	ij. s. vi. d.	v. ℔. q. ob. ob.	x. ℔. di. j. d. ob.
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xxvj. s.	ij. s. iiij. d. ob.	iiij. ℔. iiij. d. ob.	viij. ℔. q. iiij. d.
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xxix. s. vi. d.	iij. s. viij. d. ob.	iij. ℔. iij. q. iij. d. ob.	vij. ℔. iij. q. j. d. ob.
xxx. s.	iij. s. x. d. ob.	iij. ℔. iij. q. j. d. ob. ob.	vij. ℔. di. iij. d. ob.
xxxij. s.	iiij. s.	iij. ℔. iij. q.	vij. ℔. di.
xxxiij. s. vi. d.	iiij. s. ij. d. ob.	iij. ℔. di' ij. d. ob. ob.	vij. ℔. q. ob.
xxxv. s.	iiij. s. iiij. d. ob.	iij. ℔. di. ob.	vij. ℔. j. d.
xxxvi. s.	iiij. s. vi. d.	iij. ℔. q. iiij. d. ob.	vj. ℔. iij. q. j. d. ob.
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rrir.ℨ.	rrj.ℨ. iij.q.	rliij.ℨ. di.	rrir.ℨ.
rrvj.ℨ. di. j.ð.	rir.ℨ. iij.q. y.ð. qr.	rrrir.ℨ.di.iiij.ð.ob.	rrvj.ℨ. di. j.ð.
rrv.ℨ.iiij.ð.	rviij.ℨ. iij.q. iij.ð.	rrrvj.ℨ. iij.q. j.ð.	rrv.ℨ. iiij.ð.
rriij.ℨ. q.iiij.ð.	rvj.ℨ.di.j.ð.ob.qr.	rrrv.ℨ. iij.ð. ob.	rriij.ℨ. q. iiij.ð.
rrj.ℨ.	rvj.ℨ. di.	rrriij.ℨ.	rry.ℨ.
rrj.ℨ. iij.ð.	rv.ℨ. iij.q. y. qr.	rirj.ℨ. di. iiij.ð.ob.	rrj.ℨ. iij.ð.
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riij.ℨ. di. iij.ð.	r.ℨ. iiij.ð. qr.	rr.ℨ. q. iiij.ð. ob.	riij.ℨ. di. iij.ð.
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riij.ℨ. iiij.ð.	r.ℨ. ob.	rr.ℨ. j.ð.	riij.ℨ. iiij.ð.
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xlij.s. x.d.	v.s. iiij.d. qꝛ.	y.ℨ. di.	v.ℨ.
xliiij.s.	v.s. vj.d.	y.ℨ. q. iiij.d.di.qꝛ.	iiij.ℨ. ij.q. ij.d.qꝛ.
xlv.s. viij.	v.s. viij.d. ob.	y.ℨ. q. y.d. ob.	iiij.ℨ. ij.q.
xlviij.s.	vj.s.	y.ℨ. q. j.d.	iiij.ℨ. di. j.d.
xlix.s. viij.d.	vj.s. y.d. ob.	y.ℨ iiij.d.ob. di. qꝛ.	iiij.ℨ. q. iiij.d. qꝛ.
l.s. x.d.	vj.s. iiij.d. qꝛ.	y.ℨ. iiij.d.	iiij.ℨ. q. iij.d.
lj.s.	vj.s. vj.d.	y.ℨ. y.d. ob. qꝛ.	iiij.ℨ. q. ob.
lij.s. iiij.d.	vj.s. viij.d.	y.ℨ. j.d. qꝛ.	iiij.ℨ. j.d. ob.

IN this assise there is no allowaunce giuen vnto the Baker towardes his charges in the baking of his breade. And the Baker for his offence in breaking of his assise, he shalbe amerced: for the second offence likewise amerced: for the thirde offence in breaking his assise he shalbe more grieuously amerced, and warned. And if hee offend in breaking the assise of his bread the fourth time (being therefore conuicted by order of lawe) then hee shall receiue corporall punishment vpon the pillorie, without any redemption, either by Golde, or Siluer. But if the Baker doth exceede (in breaking thy assise of his bread) the full weighte of v.s. vi.d. which is one vnce and a halfe in his Farthing white Lofe, then he shall suffer the iudgement of the pillorie without any fine, or admonition geuen vnto him. Et post Septem dies panis ponderetur. The assise or weight of bread shal not be changed, but by the increase and decrease of vi.d. in the price of a quarter of wheate. And that euery Baker haue his proper Marke vpon his bread. Anno. 51. H. 3. Et Anno. 31. Ed. primi. As it appeareth by 14. Ed. 3. cap. 12.

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The peny white Lofe.	The halfe peny wheaton Lofe.	The peny weaton Lofe.	The ob. houſe-hold or horſlofe.
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x.ʒ.	viij.ʒ.di.	xb.ʒ.	x.ʒ.
ix.ʒ. ij.q. j.ß. ob.	viij.ʒ.q ij.ß ob di qꝝ.	xiij.ʒ.di.iij d.ob.qꝝ	ix.ʒ.iij.q. i.d. ob
ix.ʒ. vi.	viij.ʒ. ij.ß. ob.	xiij.ʒ.q.	ix.ʒ.di.
ix.ʒ. iij.ß.	vi.ʒ. iij.q. iij.ß.	xiij.ʒ.iij.q. i.d.	ix.ʒ. iij.d.
viij.ʒ. iij.q.iij.ß ob.	vi.ʒ. di. ij.ß. ob.qꝝ.	xiij.ʒ.q.ij.d.ob.qꝝ.	viij.ʒ. iij.q. ij.d.ob
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viij.ʒ. di. i.ß.	vi.ʒ. q. iij.ß. qꝝ.	xij. ʒ. iij.q. i.d ob.	viij.ʒ. di. i.d.
viij.ʒ.q.	vi.ʒ. ij.d. ob.qꝝ.	xij.ʒ.q. ij.d. ob.	viij.ʒ. q.

Allowance to Bakers.

FIrſt it is to be remembred, that the ſoreſaide Aſſiſe of all ſortes of bread, being manye yeares ſince eſtabliſhed by lawe, for the good of this Common wealth. At what time all manner of fuell and other neceſſaries needfull for the miſterie of Bakers were farre better cheap, then now they are: as may plainely appeare by the Bakers allowaunces, for their charges in the bakinge of a quarter of wheate, ſet downe by the olde aſſiſe bookes, not amounting aboue the value of tenne pence.

It is therfore verie needfull, that all maner of officers hauing to deale therein, ſhoulde haue due regarde thereunto: In yeelding the ſaide Bakers ſuch reaſonable conſideration and allowaunces, for and towardes their coſtes and charges, in baking their breads, as is agreeable vnto equitie and good conſcience: and may likewiſe anſwere vnto the highnes of prices which thinges now beare: whereby they may continue their ſaide miſteries, with a due obſeruation of the true Aſſiſe according to the lawes in that behalfe prouided.

And further more if their be any manner of Parson or Parsons which shall by any false wayes, or meanes sell any meale vnto the Queenes subiects either by mixing of it deceitfully, or mustie and corrupted meale, which may be to the hurt or infection of mans body: or els by any false slight or any deceitfull waies or meanes, by false waight or measure, and so deceaue the subiects: For the first offence hee shalbe greeuously punished, the second offence he shall lose his meale, the third offence he shal suffer the iudgement of the Pillorie, and the fowerth time he shall forsweare the Towne wherin he dwelleth.

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Auncient lawes and good ordinances set downe aswell for Bakers, in making, Sising and selling *of all sortes of lawful breads, which by the lawes are vendable* vnto her Maiestis subiects in the *common wealth: as also for Inholders, Victulers,* and other persons retailing the same, ratified and allowed by her maiesties most honorable priuy counsell, as hereafter followeth.

FIrste, that no manner of person or persons shal keepe a common Bakehouse, in Cities and corporate Townes, but such persons as haue beene apprentized vnto the same mistery, or brought vp therein for the more space of seauen yeares, or else otherwise, shalbe skilfull in the good making and true sising of all sortes of bread, and shall put his owne proper marke and seale vpon all sortes of his owne bread, which he or they shall make and sell as before is mentioned. Bakers to be apprentized.

Item, that no Baker or other persons, doe make, bake, vtter and sel, any kindes or sortes of bread, in the common wealth: but such which the statutes and auncient ordinances of this Realme do allowe them to bake, and sell. That is to saye, they maye bake, and sell fine manell bread, wastell, white, wheaten, houshold, and househreades, and none other kindes of bread to put to sale vnto her Maiesties subiects. Lawful breads to be made and solde.

Item, they must make and bake euerlong white bread, halfe peny white, peny white, halfe peny wheaten, peny wheaten bread, peny houshold, and two peny houshold loues, and none of greater Sise, vpon paine of forfeiture vnto poore people all such greate bread which they or any of them shall make to sel of greater Sise, (the time of Christmas alonely excepted). What sortes of bread are to be made.

Item, they shall not vtter and sell to any Inholder or Victu-

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fuler either in mans bread or horsebread (which shall retaile the same) but onely xij penp worth for xj.d. without any Boundage or other aduantage.

xiij pence in bread for xij. pence.

Item, they shall sell and deliuer vnto Innholders and Victuallers, in horse-bread, but three Loues for a penp, and xiij pennyes worth for xj.d. (as aforesaide) euery one of the same three horse loues waighing the full weight of a penp white Lofe: whether wheat be good cheape or deare.

Vnlawfull breads forbidden.

Item, that no bakers or other person or persons shal at any time or times hereafter, make, vtter or sel, by retaile, within or without their houses, vnto any the Queenes subiects any spice Cakes, Bunnes, Wiskets, or other spice breads (beeing bread out of Assise and not by lawe allowed) except it be at Burialls or vpon the Friday before Easter, or at Christmas: vpon paine of forfeiture of al such spice breades to the poore.

Forren bakers to keep greater assise then the townes men.

Item, whereas there are, in Cities or corporate Townes, common Bakers, vsing the mistery of baking, there and within the same Townes the forrein Bakers, which come into the market with their breades to be solde, shall not onely bringe with them, such kindes of sortes of [illegible] breades, as the lawe and ordinances do alowe, to be made and solde as aforesaide: but also shall keepe and obserue the same order, in the weight of their breades, as hereafter followeth: because the saide forreiners do not beare and pay, within the same Cities or Townes, such Scotte and Lotte, as the Bakers of the same townes do.

First, the Forreiners penp penp white Loues shal wey half an ounce more in euery Lofe, then the Bakers of the same townes halfe penp white Loues doe.

Item, their penp white Loues shall wey, one ounce more in euery Lofe then the Bakers of the same townes penp white Loues doe.

Item, their penp penp wheaten Loues, shall wey one ounce more in euery Lofe, then the Bakers of the same townes halfe penp wheaten Loues doe.

Item, their penp wheaten Loues, shall wey two ounces more in euery Lofe, then the Bakers of the same townes, penp

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Item, their perry houshold Loues, shall wey two ounces more in euery Lofe, then the Bakers of the same townes, perry houshold Loues doe.

Item, their two perry houshold Loues, shall weye foure ounces more in euery Lofe, then the Bakers of the same townes, two perry houshold Loues doe.

Prouided alwaies, that the Clerke of the market of her Maiesties houshold, his deputies or deputie, Maiors, Bailifes and other Officers, of Cities, Corporat townes & liberties, shal take vnto them diligent care and respecte vnto the due performance, and execution of these Articles, and shall and may from time, to time, freely gine and distribute, al such vnlawfull breades as shalbe hereafter made and put to sale being contrarie to these Articles (before mentioned) vnto poore prisoners or any other poore people, willing & requiring al Justices of peace, Constables, Bayliffes, and all other Officers, to be ayding, assisting and helping, al the foresaid Officers in the due execution hereof, as they will answere to the contrarie at their perils.

Penalties.

Note also, that this Assise of all sortes of bread, ought alwaies to bee approued by the Troye weight, deriued from the graines of wheate: whereof two graines, taken in the middest of the eare, maketh the one parte of a Sterling penye lig. graines maketh the eight parte of a perry Sterling: eight graines make the fourth parte of a penye Sterling, and fiue and thirtie graines of wheate, make the whole Sterling penye. Twentie of which pence, make the ounce Troye, viz. three quarters of an ounce, x.d. halfe an ounce, [illegible] quarter of an ounce, & ij.d.ob. halfe a quarter of an ounce, [illegible] weight being named Troy weight, serueth only to weye Golde, Siluer, pretious Iewels, and Electuaries, [illegible] there is but xij ounces to the pounde, [illegible] to the gallon, viij pounds to the perche, [illegible] to the bushell, and lviij pounds to the [illegible] Anno. 12. H. 7. cap. 5.

Assise of bread after Troy weight.

Ounce Troye.

Bushell or [illegible]

There is also an other [illegible] weight, named Auoirdupois weight, whereunto there is [illegible] ounces for the pounde, which

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Auoirdupois weight.

weight serueth to wey Butter, Cheese, Flesh, Tallow, Wares, and euery other thing that beareth the name of Garbell, and whereof ysueth a refuse or waste. The difference betweene these two weightes, Troye and Auoirdupois, is this, that xiiii. ounces and a halfe Troye weight, being rviiii. ℈. ij. ℔. sterling, do make xvi. ounces Auoirdupois weight, at this rate [illegible] according to the same rate viii. poundes Auoirdupois, make the gallon in measure: xiiii. pounds the perche, xxviii. pounds the halfe bushell, and lvi. pounds make the bushell, the which bushel iustly accordeth with the lviii. poundes Troye weight, as is before mentioned. The which lvi. pound of Auoirdupois weight, are and haue been accustomably vsed, for the content of the bushell through this Realme, and not repugnant to the law as before is remembred.

Difference of weightes.

The measure drawen from ỹ troy weight.

From the which weight named Troye, is also drawen the assise or gaige, as well for all maner of wette measures to be had and vsed, both by land and within shippe board, as also for all maner of corne and graine vendable within this Realme of England, which according to the law is to be obserued and kept, as well within libertie as without, both by the buyers and sellers: that is to say, the full and iust weight of rii. ounces Troy in wheat, do make a concaue or hollow measure named a pinte, and viii. of the same pintes do make the gallon for Wine, Ale, Beere, and Corne, according to the Standard of her maiesties Exchequier, viii. of which gallons doe make the bushell, and eight of the same bushels do make the quarter in measure. An. 11. & 12. H. 7. Memorandum, there is allowed by the law for [illegible] within the ship board, ten gallons to the bushell, which contrine fiue peches. An. 11. H. 7. Cap. 4.

Water measure.

The content of caske.

Furthermore, there is deriued and drawen out, and from the said gallon made by the said eight pintes, which conteineth twelue ounces of Troy weight to euerie pinte, as before is declared. The Assise for the quantitie and true content of all maner of caske, lawfull and vendable within this Realme of England, as well for Wines, Oyle, [illegible], as also for Ale, Beere, and Sealce. That is to say, euery hogshead to haue and conteine

lette thereof one hundred and three gallons, every Tertian fourscore and foure gallons, every Pipe CCxii. gallons, and every Tunne, CCCli. gallons of the foresaid English gallons, and that no manner of person or persons shal bring out of any country, or make or cause to be made here within the Realme of England, any of the sayd vessels of lesser size or content then before is declared, An. 2. H. 6. Cap. 11. An. 1. R. 3. Cap. 13. & An. 28. H. 8. Cap. 14.

There is also a certaine measure called a Salmon Butte, which must hold and containe fourescore and foure gallons, the Barrell must hold and containe, viii. gallons, the halfe Barrell one and twentie gallons. The Hearing Barrell must hold and containe thirtie two gallons. The Eale barrell foortie two gallons, and the halfe barrell and firkin for Hearings and Eales, must hold and containe according to the same rate, the which gallons must be also agreeable unto her Spacelles standard of the Exchequer, and declared as before is mentioned, Ann. 22. Ed. 4. Cap. 11. Salmon measure. Eales and hearing caske.

And everie Hope barrell to holde and containe 32. Gallons and upwards according to the Queenes majesties standard of Thexchequer, and shall weigh being emptie xvi. pounds of Auoirdupois weight and not above, and everie halfe barrell emptie shal weigh viii. pounds & not above, and shal hold and containe xvi. Gallons and above, and every Firkin emptie shall weighe iii. pound and a halfe and not above, and shal holde and containe viii. Gallons and above, upon paine of forfaiture for everie barrell, halfe barrell, Ferkin or other vessell hereafter to be made had or used contrarie to this Act iii s. iiii d.

There is also a true weight of a weye of cheese & butter, after the rate of fourescore & twelve pounds of Auoirdupois weight to the hundred, as aforesaide, which two hundreth weight, is a fetern score and foure pounds, containing xxviii. cloues and every cloue to be vii. pounds of Auoirdupois weight. And so the weye of Suffolke cheese, is two hundreth, quarter and foure pounds, which is twelue score and sixteene pounds of Auoirdupois weightes, and the barrell of butter is of like weight, The weight of cheese and butter.

toler either in mans bread or horsebread (which shall retaine the same) but onely xiij penye worth for xij. d. without any Bourdage or other advantage.

xiij pence in bread for xij. pence.

Item, they shall sell and deliuer vnto Inholders and Victuallers, in horse-bread, but three Loues for a peny, and xiij pennye worth for xij. d. (as aforesaide) euery one of the same three horse loues waighing the full weight of a peny white Lofe: whether wheat be good cheape or deare.

Vnlawfull breads forbidden.

Item, that no bakers or other person or persons shal at any time or times hereafter, make, vtter or sel, by retaile, within or without their houses, vnto any the Queenes subiects any spice Cakes, Bunnes, Wiskets, or other spice breads (being bread out of Assise and not by lawe allowed) excepte it be at Burialls or vpon the Friday before Easter, or at Christmas: vpon paine of forfeiture of al such spice breades to the poore.

Forren bakers to keep greater Assise then the townes men.

Item, whereas there are, in Cities or corporate Townes, common Bakers, vsing the mistery of baking, there and within the same Townes the forreine Bakers, which come into the market with their breades to be solde, shall not onely bringe with them, such kindes of sortes of Assise breades, as the lawe and ordinances do alowe, to be made and solde as aforesaide: but also shall keepe and obserue this order, in the weight of their breades, as hereafter followeth: because the saide forreiners do not beare and pay, within the same Cities or Townes, such Scotte and Lotte, as the Bakers of the same townes do.

First, the Forreiners halfe peny white Loues shal wey half an ounce more in euery Lofe, then the Bakers of the same townes halfe penye white Loues doe.

Item, their peny white Loues shall wey, one ounce more in euery Lofe then the Bakers of the same townes peny white Loues doe.

Item, their halfe penye wheaten Loues, shall wey one ounce more in euery Lofe, then the Bakers of the same townes halfe peny wheaten Loues doe.

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Item, their peny houshold Loues, shall weye tiuo ounces more in euery Loffe, then the Bakers of the same townes, pe-ny houshold Loues doe.

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Prouided alwaies, that the Clerke of the market of her Maiesties houshold, his deputies or deputie, Maiors, Bailifes and other Officers, of Cities, Corporat townes & liberties, shal loke vnto, haue diligent care and respecte vnto the due performaunce, and execution of these Articles, and shall and may from time, to time, freely gine and distribute, al such vnlawfull breades as shalbe hereafter made and put to sale being contrarie to these Articles (before mentioned) vnto poore prisoners or any other poore people, willing & requiring al Justices of peace, Constables, Baylifes, and all other Officers, to be ayding, assisting and helping, al the foresaid Officers in the due execution hereof, as they will answere to the contrarie at their perils.

Penalties.

Note also, that this Assise of all sortes of bread, ought alwaies to bee approued by the Troye weight, deriued from the graines of wheate: whereof two graines, taken in the middest of the eare, maketh the one parte of a Sterling peny: xij. graines maketh the eight parte of a peny Sterling: eight graines make the fourth parte of a peny Sterling, and two and thirtie graines of wheate, make the whole Sterling peny. Twentie of which pence, make the ounce Troy, xx s. three quarters of an ounce, xv d. halfe an ounce, [illegible] quarter of an ounce, x s. ij d. ob. halfe a quarter of an ounce, [illegible] weight being named Troy weight, serueth only to weye Golde, Siluer, precious Iewels, and Electuaries, [illegible] weight, there is but xij ounces to the pounde, [illegible] to the gallon, viij pounds to the perche, [illegible] to the halfe Bushell, and iiij pounds to the [illegible] Anno. 12. H. 7. cap. 5.

Assise of bread after Troy weight.

Ounce Troye.

Bushell or more.

There is also an other [illegible] weight, named Auoirdupois weight, whereunto there is [illegible] ounces to the pounde, which

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Auoirdupois weight.

weight serueth to wey Butter, Cheese, Flesh, Tallow, Ware, and euery other thing that beareth the name of Garbell, and whereof ariseth a refuse or waste. The difference betweene these fiue weightes, Troye and Auoirdupois, is this, that xiiii. ounces and a halfe Troye weight, being xviiii.s. ij.d. sterling, do make xvi. ounces Auoirdupois weight, at this day, and according to the same rate viii. pounder Auoirdupois, make the gallon in measure: xiiii. pounds the perke, xxviii. pounds the halfe bushell, and lvi. pounds make the bushell, the which bushel iustly accordeth with the lviii. pounder Troye weight, as is before mentioned. The which lvi. pound of Auoirdupois weight, are and haue been accustomably vsed, for the content of the bushell through this Realme, and not repugnant to the law as before is remembred. From the which weight named Troye, is also drawen the assise or gauge, as well for all maner of wette measures to be had and vsed, both by land and within shippe board, as also for all maner of corne and graine vendable within this Realme of England, which according to the law is to be obserued and kept, as well within liberties as without, both by the buyers and sellers: that is to say, the full and iust weight of xii. ounces Troy in wheat, do make a concaue or hollow measure named a pinte, and viii. of the same pintes do make the gallon for Wine, Ale, Beere, and Corne, according to the Standard of her maiesties Exchequier, viii. of which gallons doe make the bushell, and eight of the same bushels do make the quarter in measure. An. 11. & 12. H. 7. Memorandum, there is allowed by the law for water measure within the ship board, ten gallons to the bushell, which contein fiue perches. An. 11. H. 7. Cap. 4.

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Salmon measure.

Eales and herring caske.

And everie soape barrell to holde and containe 32. Gallons and vpwards according to the Queenes mainties standard of Winchester, and shall weigh being emptie xvi. poundes of Avoirdupois weight and not above, and everie halfe barrel emptie shal weigh viii. pounds & not above, and shal hold and containe xvi. Gallons and above, and every firkin emptie shall weighe iii. pounds and a halfe and not above, and shal holde and contains viii. Gallons and above, upon paine of forfaiture for everie barrell, halfe barrell, Ferkin or other vessell hereafter to be made had or used contrarie to this Act iii s. iiii d.

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The weight of cheese and butter.

with the Foyst thereof. But the weight of the wey of Essex cheese or butter, is three hundreth pounds weight, after the rate of fiue score & twelue pounds to the hundreth, which is sixteene score and sixteene pounds of Auoirdupois weight, Anno. 9. H.6. Cap. 8.

The sacke of woolt.

The sack of wooll is three hundred twenty eight pounds, and a hundred twelue pounds to euery hundred weight, which is xviii. score and foure pounds of Auoirdupois weight, as before is mentioned, An. 11. H. 7. Cap. 4. Two weights of woll make a sacke, and xii. sackes make a last. But a last of Hearings, containeth twelue thousand, and euery thousand contains twelue hundreth. And euerie hundreth, contains fiue score; An. 14. Ed. 3. Cap. 12.

The loade of Leade.

There is also a lode of Lead, which consisteth of thirtie fothmels, and euery fothmell containeth fiue stone wanting two pounds. And euery stone must consist of twelue pound Auoirdupois: and euery pound consisteth of the weight of fiue and twentie shillings sterling, whereby the summe in the fothmell is seuen pound, but the summe of the stones in the load, is eight times twentie and fifteene. And it is proued by fiue times thirty, which is, nine times twentie. But of euery fothmell there are abated two pounds in the foresaid multiplication, which are fortie, which make fiue stone. And so there are in the load eight times twentie and fifteene pounds as is aboue said. According to some other, it consisteth of twelue weights: and this is after Troy weight. And the summe of stones in the load, is eight times twentie, and eight stone. And it is proued by twelue times 14. An. 14. Ed. 3. Cap. 12.

Compositio vlnarum & perticarum. An. 31. Ed. 1.

There is likewise a measure ordeined by lawe, named a yard, being deriued from the graines of Barly, as three barly cornes in length shall make an inch. Twelue of the same inches shall make the foote, three foote shall make the yard, and sixteene foote and a halfe, shall make the polle or pearch to measure land or wood withall. In many countries this polle or pearch doth vary, as in some places it is eighteene foote, and in some other places xvi. foote, as by auncient custome is allowed. Of the which

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poles or pearches, fortie in length and foure of them in breath, make the Acre of land or wood, vpon which measure, Plinie li. 2. Cap. 23 deriueth Stadiums to be a furlong, which conteineth 125. paces, euery pase to conteine fiue foote: the foote to conteine foure palmes, and euery palme conteineth foure fingers breath. There are also three kinds of Stadia, the first is, Stadium Italicum, conteining 625. feet, which is 125. paces: the second is Stadium Olimpicum, conteining 600. feet, which is, 120. paces. The third, is Stadium Pithicum, conteining 1000. feete, which is 200. paces, of these Stadia, eight in length, do make the Italian mile, containing 1000. paces, and euery pase to be fiue foote in length. And of these paces Iunius writeth, that there is Passus duplex, & passus minor vel simplex, passus duplex is fiue foote as afore said, but passus minor vel simplex, is but two foote and a halfe, which is vsually the distance from the toes of the fore foote, vnto the hele of the hinder foote in going. And also he saith, that passus maior siue Geometricus is a pase, or fathome of fiue foote, there is also passus Graecus, & passus Romanus, passus Grecus, being more then passus Rustomanus by a foote, and the fourth part of a foote in the same.

The Acre of land.

Stadin or furlong.

The difference of paces.

The Assise and order for Brewers, aswell of Ale as of Beere.

IT was also ordained in Anno. 23. H. 8. that the Ale Firking shall holde and containe viij gallons and vpwardes, the kilderkin xvj. gallons and vpwardes, and the Ale Barrell, xxxij. gallons and vpwards. The beere Firking shall holde and containe ix. gallons and vpwards, the beere Kilderkin xviij gallons and vpwardes, and the beere Barrell xxvij. gallons and vpwardes, according to the English gallon, before mentioned.

Brewers caske

These being the true contents of Beere and Ale vessels, the

Vnwholsome drinkes.

Brewers that are to sell by them, are likewise thus restrained by lawes. Viz. that they brewe not their Ale nor Beere of any musty malte or eaten with wormes, nor put any Ale or Beere to sale, in any musty or corrupt vessels, or in any vessells of a lesser content then before mentioned: neither shall they make any newe vessels within their owne houses, to utter their Ale and Bere in, saving that they may keepe Coopers within their houses, onely to hoope, Cobble, and amend their vessels and not otherwise.

New vessels not to be made by brewers.

Any further more, that euerie beere brewer and ale brewer with in this Realme of England, shall not take ouer and aboue for euerie such barrell, Kilderkin or Firkin, of ale or beare, but after the prices and rates as shalbe thought conuenient & sufficient by the discression of the Justices of the peace, within euerie shiere where such ale brewer or beere brewer shall dwell, without any Cittie, Borough, or Towne corporate, where no hed officers, as Maiors, Bailifes, Shiriffes, or other hed officers, haue none authoritie nor rule: & in euery Cittie, Borrought, or Towne, where there be Maior, Shiriffes or other hed officers, the same rates and prices to be rated and ceassed by them and euery of them by their discressions. And that the same ale brewers and beere brewers at any time hereafter shall not sell there beere nor ale, at any higher rates and prices then shalbe vnto them assigned after the forme aboue rehearsed, vpon paine to lose and forfait for euerie barrell so put to sale contrarie to this statute vi s. for euerie halfe barrell or kilderkin iii s. iiii d. for euerie Firkin ii s. And for euerie vessell containing greater number of Gallons x s. and for euerie vessell containing lesser number of Gallons vi d. the one halfe of which penalties and forfeitures shalbe vnto the Queenes Maiestie, her heares and successors: the other halfe vnto him that will sue for the same, by action debt, bill, plaint, or information in any of her Maiesties courte of record, wherein the defendant shall not wage his law.

Prises for ale and beere.

And for asmuch as the mistery of brewing, as a thing very needfull and necessary for the common wealth, hath beene al-

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haules by auncient custome & good orders, practized and maintained within Cities, Corporat, Boroughes, and market Townes of this Realme, by such expert and skilfull persons, as either were trained and brought vp therin, by the space of seaven yeares, and as prentize therein accepted accordingly as in all other Trades and Occupations, or els well knowne to be such men of skill and honestie, in that mistery, as could and would allowes yeld vnto her Maiesties subiects in the common wealth, such good and holsome Ale and Beere, as both in the qualitie and for the quantitie thereof, did euer agree with the good lawes of the Realme. And especially to the comforte of the poorer sorte of subiectes: who most neede it: vntill of late yeares, sundry persons enhabiting within the seuerall liberties, rather seeking their owne priuate gaine, then the publique profite of their countrie: haue not onely erected and set vp small Victualhouses at their pleasures: but also brew and bitter such Ale and Beere, for want of skil in that mistery, as both in the prices and holsomnes thereof: doth vtterly disagree with the good lawes and orders of this Realm: thereby also, ouer throwing the greater and more auncient Victualhouses: and the estate of the skilfull mistery of brewing. It is therefore very necessarie, that the Maior, Bayliffes, or other head Officers of euery Citie, corporate, borough, or market townes within this realme, where such great and auncient Victualhouses are, doe take such good order by vertue of their Charters graunted to them, either by her Highnes, or her noble progenitors: as that within their liberties, the aforesaid auncient Victuallers and Victualhouses, may be preserued and maintained, and those new erected houses, with their vnskilfull owners, suppressed and put downe, which as it hath beene, so doubtlesse would it be the best and surest meanes of maintayning that mistery, and vnto the common wealthes most profite.

Brewers to be apprentizes of skilfull men in the mistery.

The Assise and order for Inholders and Victuilers.

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AND for that Ale and Beere are not in themselues perfect lictures, but beinge filled into a small measure, the yeste or froth therefore will ascend, by reasone very speedily, requiring a time in setling thereof againe, there is also vsed and to be allowed within this realme, sundrie measures of lesser contents for Brewers Inholders and Victulers, selling their Ale & Beere by retaile, vnto the subiects: The which are named or called, hoped quarte and pinte, measures, thurdendells, and halfe thurdendells, beinge a small quantitie some what bigger then the foresaide standerd: in respecte of the working and allowing of the yeste and froth as aforesaide: by the which quartes and pintes, the Inholders shall retaile their Ale and Beere, being after the rate of foure pence the gallon: And by the same thurdendel, and halfe thurdendel, the Victulers shall retaile their pinte, being after the rate of three pence the gallon, the which said seuerall measures are lawfull and ought to be vsed in maner aforesaide, at this daye.

Thurdendels.

Inholders and victulers.

And furthermore, Inholders, Cokes, & Victulers are, not onely by the lawes and auntient good vsers of this realme, forbidden to bake, seethe, or rosse, any fish or flesh twice, or sell and vtter vnto the Subiectes any maner of corruptible victuals, which may be to the hurte and the infection of mans bodie. But also that they shall not vtter and sell their Ale and Beere, within or without their houses by retaile or otherwise, vnto any the Kinges Subiectes whatsoeuer, with any false or vnsealed measures, lesse then the standerd before mentioned, nor vtter and sell their prouender within their Offices, with any false or vnsealed measures, which shalbe repugnant vnto the foresaide standard of her highnes Exchequer. Anno. 11. & 12. H. 7. cap. 4.

Vnholsome victuals.

Anno. 51. H. 3.

False measures

Item if any Butcher, Fishmonger, Inholder, Victuler, Baker, Poulter or any other whatsoeuer: which shall sell any victuals vnto the subiects at any excessiue price or prises other-

otherwise then the plentie and skarcitie of the time, and the distance of carriage of the same considered, shall accorde with equitie and good conscience. Then Maiors Bayliffes and other cheef officers of Cities, Burroughes, and Townes corporate shall haue full power and authoritie to enquire and examine all such offences and defaults therein done and committed, and to inflict punishment vpon the offenders, by forfeiting of the double value, of that which he or they shall so vtter and sell vnto the partie damnified. And if the saide cheefe officers shall omit to vse their duties herein: then the Iustices of the peace shall haue full power and authoritie to inflict punishment vpon such negligent and careles officers. Anno. 23. Ed. tercij. cap. 6.

Item it is enacted in Anno. 6. R. 2. cap. 9. That no victuler, no victualler, within any Cittie, or other Towne, or Townes within the Realme of England, shall vse or occupie the office of a iudge, during the time that he shalbe officer there, (except it be for want of other sufficient men which should exercise the same office) And then whilest he is in that office of a iudge he nor none of his shall vtter and sell any victuals vnto the subiects vpon paine of forfeiture of the same victuals.

The assise for Inholders, or any others retailing their Hey by the Bottle, Trusse, or hundreth, as followeth.

FIrst the lode, which men call the cart or waine right is reckoned to be twenty hundred weight of Auoirdupois weight, accounting a hundreth a twelue pounde vnto euery hundreth, but for as much as the victuelles subiects inhabiting neere vnto the Cittie of London cannot very easily, as well loade their cartes or waines with hey, of such great weight, and so carry the same vnto the citie. They do reckon and account a hundreth hundreth weight of Auoirdupois weight, to be the common loade of hey, the which they make and sell as followeth: that is

The assise of Heye.

is to saie, that xxvi. trusses of hey shall make the loade, euery truss of hey, to wey the full weight of fiftie fiue pounds of Auoirdupois, and after that rate, one pound of hey sold for a ob. maketh foure poundes foure shillings the loade in money: two pounds of hey for a ob. make v.s. the loade: three poundes of hey for a ob. make xvi.s. viii.d. the loade: foure pounds of hey for a ob. make xxi.s. the loade, the which assise or weight in hey, the Inholders and others retailing the same, ought to obserue and kepe.

And whereas any Inholders or others do or shall take or receiue any manner of horse or horses into liuerie at Prouand and Litter by day and night. Then if the bottle of Hey shall waye three pounds for a halfe peny, which is vj. pound for a d.ob. and so xviij. pounds of Hey for three pence, the which xviij pounds of hey hath reasonable prouender at euery watering, will suffice one horse day and night: and according to that rate the Inholder or any other person shall make xvi.s. viii.d. of his lode of hey: being of the full weight as before is mentioned then alloweth him one peny day and night for his litter, which in the hole amounteth vnto iij.s. day and night for hey and litter; and so shall the Inholders or any others haue sufficient gaine in his stable, if the same horse shall spend but three halfe pence in prouender at euery watering. And so shall all manner of officers, appertinant the Inholders and all others which vse to take horses by liuerie day and night, as the prices of the lode of hey shall yeerly encrease and diminishe.

The Assise for Vintners.

Vintners.

VIntners must sell good and wholesome wines for the sustenance of man, they must not mix or alter the vertues and proper nature of their wines, nor temper them with any thing, or otherwise then perfect wine of it self. They must utter and sell their wines by retaile, with such lawfull and sealed measures, as are agreeable vnto the Standard of her Ma-

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sellers Cyderpresser, by the halfe pinte, pinte, quart, pottle and gallon, according to the approued Standard before mencioned.

The Assise for Butchers.

IT hath bin alwaies a thing most carefully looked vnto, and prouided for, by good and auncient Orders and Lawes of this Realme, and also by statute of the learned and skilful Phisitions of the same: that no Butchers should kill and sel vnto the subiects any flesh of any cattel which were grieued or infected with a disease called the Murren: nor kill and sell any Bull or Bulles vnbaited, any Cowe or kine great with Calfe, or neare caluing, any Ewe or Ewes with Lambe, or taking the Ramme, or any Sowe great with Pig or taking the Boare, vpon paine of amercement, at the discretion of the Officers hauing authoritie to enquire thereof: neither that they should blow their flesh, which they sell to the subiects, or geld the kidnies of their Puttons, Veales, or Lambes, taking away the fatte thereof, nor deceitfully raise the same kidnies, with any stopping or vnder putting them, to deceiue the ignorant buyers thereof: vpon like paine. Nor vttered and sell any meseled Porke, vpon paine of amercement, and to suffer the iudgement of the pillory, with his corrupt flesh to be burned openly before his face, in the market place. Likewise that they shall not sell their flesh vnto the Queenes subiectes, with any beame or ballance enclining more vnto the one ende, then vnto the other, thereby to deceiue the subiects, nor sell their flesh by any with any false weight, lesser then the Queenes Maiesties Standard, before mencioned, and that after the rate of xvi. ounces Auoirdupois to the pounde, and eight of them pounds to make the stone, or otherwise as the vsage or custome of the country requireth for the number of the pounds vnto the stone.

Anno. 51. H. 3. & An. 31. Ep. 8 cop. 7.

Holsome meates.

Deceiptes of Butchers.

The Assise of Fuell to bee obserued in the Citie of London, Westminster, and the subberbes of the same.

The assise of fuell.

FIrst euery sacke of charre Coales, must conteine and holde, fowre bushels of good and cleane coales.

Item euery Talelhide, must contrine in length foure foote besides the Tarse, euery Talelhide named one, to conteine in greatnes within a foote of the middest, xvi. inches about: and euery Talelhide named of two, to conteine in greatnes within a foote of the middest, xviii. inches about: and euery Talelhide named of three, to conteine in greatnes within a foote of the middest, xviii. inches about: and euery Talelhide named of foure, to conteine in greatnes within a foote of the middest, xxviii. inches about: and euery Talelhide named of fiue, to conteine in greatnes within a foote of the middest, xxviii. inches about.

Item, euery billet to conteine in length, three foote and foure inches, and euery billet named a single, to conteine viii. inches and a halfe about.

Item, euery billet named to be a cast, to conteine ten inches about: and euery billet of two cast, to conteine xiiii. inches about.

Item, euery faggot bende, to conteine in length three foote, and the band of euery such faggot, to be xviii. inches about, besides the knot.

Item all billets of two cast that shall be made, to be put to sale, shall be of the sise herein compised, and shall be marked within six inches of the middest thereof. And euery billet of one cast made to be put to sale, shall be marked within foure inches of the ende thereof, vpon paine that euery marker, and euery seller, that shall make any such fuell or coales, and put the same to sale, to forfeit for euery shide, of tallwood, billet, faggot, or acke of coales, lacking the assise aforesaid, iii.s. iiii.d. And that if any cutter or marker, or other that shall forfeit any summes herein conteined, shall not be able to yeld or pay such forfeiture for summes as aforesaid, that then euery such person conuicted by witnesses, or otherwise, to be set on the Pillory in the next

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Market Towne, to the place wherein he shall so offend, by a Iustice of the Peace, or any other her Maiesties Officers, the howre of eleuen of the clocke, vpon the market day, with a billet, faggot, or sacke of coales, bound to some part of his body, and so to be discharged of the forefaid forfeiture. An. 7. Ed. 6. Cap. 7.

The Assise for Lath.

ITem that euerie Lath shall bee and containe in length fiue foot, and in breadth tiuo inches, and in thickenes halfe an inche of Assise, vpon paine to forfaite for euerie hundreth which shalbe putte to sale of leffer Assise. vj. s.

The Assise of Timber.

ITem that all manner of Timber be well hewen and perfectly squared, and also kept true measure. Viz. fiftie foot of Timber for the lode, vpon paine to forfaite for euerie lode of Timber which shalbe sold to the contrarie. xii. s.

The Assise of Tile.

ITem euerie Parson or Parsons, which shall vse the occupation of making of thacke tile roof tile, creste tile, or gutter tile, shall make it good and reasonable, able and sufficient, and well burnte and annealed, and the ground wherof any such tile shalbe made, shall bee digged and cast vp before the first day of November next before they shalbe made, and the same earth shalbe stirred and turned before the first day of Ianuarie then next following, and the

the same earth before it be put to making the tile, shal be truely wrought and tried from stones, and also the vaines called maline or marle and chalke (lying commonly in the ground ouer the land conuenient to make tile) after the diggin of the saide ground whereof any such tile shall be made: shall be well and truely seuered and cast from the earth whereof any such tile shalbe made. And that euerie such plaine tile shall containe in lenght x. Inches and a halfe, and in breadth vi. Inches and a quarter, and in thickines halfe an Inch and halfe a quarter at the leaſt, and euerie such roofe tile or creast tile, shall containe in length xiii. Inches, and in thickines halfe an Inch and half a quarter at the leaſt with conuenient deepnes according, and euerie gutter tile and corner tile shall containe in lenght. x. Inches and a halfe with conuenient thickines, breadth and depth according and if any Parson set to sale any such tile made against the foresaid ordinaunce, then the seller thereof shall forfaite to the bier, the double value of the same tile, and besides shall make fine to the Quéene at her pleasure, and euery Parson that findeth him selfe greeued herein and will sue shal haue an action of debt against the offenders, and the plaintife (if he recouer herin) shall recouer his costs, wherein no wager of laiwe shalbe allowed vnto the defendant. Anno. 17. Ed. 4. cap. 4.

Thus much I haue thought good, simply to make apparant vnto the eyes of the ignorant, for the true order and assise of weight and measure, with the assise of bread and other necessaries, concerning the same; to be obserued by all subiects, as a thing very necessary and needfull in the common wealth. The which both Gods booke, the good lawes and auncient orders of the Realm, do allow & maintaine, wishing euery good subiect to imbrace the same accordingly.

FINIS.